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I believe I am one of the original and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR GRINDING RUBBER

the specification of which:

_____ is attached hereto.

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56(a).

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